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INSTRUCTIONS

GIVEN BY

The Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms to Charles Grey ——— Waiter and Searcher, or preventive Officer, at Bednell in the port of Berwick

I. YOU ſhall diligently attend the Service of the Cuſtoms in your Station on all Occaſions, as well by Night as by Day, and by frequently looking out, endeavour to diſcover any Fraud, Concealment, or indirect Practice whatſoever.

II. And becauſe great Induſtry is uſed to Run *French* Wines, Brandy, and other Goods, by bringing them over in ſmall Veſſels, daily hovering on the Coaſt, and pretending, when met with and examined, to be bound to foreign Parts, until they find Opportunity of landing their Goods, you ſhall uſe your utmoſt Care to prevent any Frauds of that kind that may be attempted by Veſſels coming up your River, or otherwiſe.

III. If you ſhall make Seizure of any prohibited or uncuſtomed Goods, you are forthwith to ſecure them in the King's Warehouſe, and acquaint the Collector, as well with the Quantity

Quantity and Quality of the Goods ſeized, as the Ground of Seizure, and ſhall not diſcharge the ſame without our Order, or due Courſe of Law.

IV. You ſhall not directly or indirectly, either in your own Name, or in the Name of any Perſon or Perſons, or in Company or Partnerſhip with any other, Trade for yourſelf, or as a Factor or Agent for any other, in any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, nor keep any Victualling-Houſe, or Houſe of publick Entertainment.

V. You ſhall not take or receive any Money, Gratuity, or other Reward, for the permitting, ſuffering or concealing of any Frauds, of what kind ſoever, nor wittingly or willingly do or commit any Act, Matter or Thing prejudicial to his Majeſty in his ſaid Cuſtoms.

VI. You ſhall, on an Information of any prohibited or uncuſtomed Goods being convey'd by Land or Water within your Diſtrict, immediately give Notice thereof to the proper Officers, to the end you may have ſuch Aſſiſtance ſent you as the Occaſion may require.

VII. You ſhall take care to obſerve the Oath which all Officers of the Cuſtoms are obliged by an Act of Parliament of the 5 *W.* & *M.* to take at their Admiſſion into their Employments, *viz.*

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I-------- *do ſwear to be true and faithful in the Execution, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Power, of the Truſt committed to my Charge and Inſpection in the Service of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, and that I will not take or receive any Reward or Gratuity directly or indirectly other than my Salary and what is or ſhall be allowed me from the Crown, or the regular Fees eſtabliſh'd by Law, for any Service done or to be done in the Execution of my Employment in the Cuſtoms, on any Account whatſoever.*

So help me GOD.

VIII. You ſhall in theſe and all other Inſtructions that ſhall be given you from time to time by Us or the Collector or Surveyor of *Berwick* —for the Time being, for the better Performance of your Duty, and in all Matters and Things relating thereto, faithfully and diligently demean yourſelf, and ſhall not do, concert, abet or conceal any Act or Thing, or any Fraud in any other Perſon, wherein or whereby his Majeſty may be prejudic'd or damag'd in his Cuſtoms and Duties, or any Law concerning the Importation or Exportation of Goods or Merchandizes violated.

~~*Cuſtomhouſe, London,*~~

IX. You are not to direct or conſent that any Information be enter'd or lodg'd in your Name, or in the Name of his Majeſty's Attorney-General at your Expence, upon any Offence relating to the Cuſtoms, in any Court

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of Record, or before any Juſtices of the Peace, without giving Us an immediate Account thereof, and the Particulars and Circumſtances of ſuch Information; but if the Informer deſires to be conceal'd, you need not mention his Name; and you are at the ſame time to ſend or deliver an Account in Writing to the Inſpector of Proſecutions, mentioning the Names, and Places of Abode, and the Quantities of Goods expreſſed in ſuch Informations; and you are not on any Pretence to treat upon any Propoſal for a Compoſition, or agree upon any Licenſe out of the Court of Exchequer, or otherwiſe ſtop or delay Proceedings againſt any Offender, or upon any Seizure or Information againſt any Perſons, Ships, Veſſels, Boats, or Goods, without firſt obtaining Our Approbation; and in ſuch caſe you muſt for that purpoſe ſtate the whole Matter to Us, which you are to deliver to your Collector and Comptroller, to be forwarded by them to the Commiſſioners.

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